

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 43: 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

If a ~~third~~ fourth hotmelt adhesive is continuously applied to the opposite end areas 2a and the middle area 2b of the upper surface of the second nonwoven fabric 4 while defining clearances to form ~~third~~ fourth hotmelt adhesive layers S3 by means of a ~~third~~ fourth hotmelt adhesive applicator 14 installed at point D which is a previous stage of point E, the opposite end areas 2a, 2a and the middle areas 2b, 2b of the first nonwoven fabric 2 and the second nonwoven fabric 4 can be securely bonded to each other by the bonding device 13A.

Page 45: 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

As shown at an upper right part of FIG. 12, similar to the case of forming the second hotmelt adhesive layer S2, ~~fourth~~ third linear hotmelt adhesive pieces having a spiral contour may be continuously applied to the second nonwoven fabric 4 except the opposite end areas 2a and the middle area 2b, similar to the formation of the first hotmelt adhesive layers S1, to form ~~fourth~~ third hotmelt adhesive layers

S4 by means of a ~~fourth~~ third hotmelt adhesive applicator 15 instead of the second hotmelt adhesive applicator 12, and the upper surface of the first nonwoven fabric 2 and that of the second nonwoven fabric 4 are aligned with respect to widthwise direction and bonded by heat sealing at the opposite end areas 2a and the middle area 2b by means of a bonding device (heat sealing device) 13B which is installed at point F and is capable of applying heat sealing.